Days in Court.

The testimony given in Boston yes

of the North German Lloyd steamship

of the ruin that had been wrought in

the engine rooms of the merchant ships

tied up in American harbors; and that

our explicit assertions on this subject

sons known to be in possession of the

tur, and under the circumstances their

tic information on this interesting and

important incident, and laid it before

are sure we shall be pardoned for en-

joying the vindication of our accuracy

from an unimpeachable source before the echoes of the assaults made upon

What would happen if some dare

When, several centuries ago, certain

WASHINGTON'S birthday will be cele

street" go on strike with such enthusi-

asm, frequency and persistency. Are

The new wireless at Samoa will be

advantageous to us in time of peace

The Hon, J. HAMPTON MOORE, Repre-

as has been stated, an understudy

rival for election to the Speakership

fifth Congress. Mr. Mann's under

STAFFORD was graduated by Harvard

College, and in his time there may

have played ball with a sturdy chap

STAFFORD Deglect HAMPY MOORE's efforts

to steal home, but keep a bright eye

on that smarter base runner the Hon.

There is said to be a peace party

Is Glasgow for peace without vic-

to the new war loan speaks for her.

Probably the surname of the Ameri

can schooner Lyman M. Law unduly

The Judgment.

summoned to Assize which God

To sift the nations, naught save glut

And ease it bring within its pampered

Sumptuous among the desolate to stand

Arraigned, since in Fear's market

A heritage of fame-we who of old

Absolved through the oblation of our

Mr. Gerard Is Always Polite; but the

Facts Bemain.

evidently missed a very important arti-

page of your paper, in view of your

morning papers in regard to Mr. Gerard

Bryan Explained.

NostE Asams, Mass., February 17.

FAIR PLAT.

famished land.

shall hold

wrath.

blood

Pity bid be aloof, till we arise

from Germany published in so

NEW YORK, February 17.

Fifty-ninth street? Or what?

of the Roman Senators one of the lat

evil Representative should spring t

tural reverberations.

of his shocked colleagues?

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### Suppose We Begin With This Article.

Swiss Minister at Washington, Gera revision or "reaffirmation" (what-States and Prussia.

of that treaty made binding now in men of Wilhelmstrasse case of war. Germany wants this because in that event the provisions in question would count vastly more for her interests than for the interests of the United States.

Only a few days ago the reptile press of Berlin was accusing the United States of deliberately and shamefully violating these provisions in the old treaty of 1828; these provisions which Germany regards as tenportant for her interests.

Once more THE SUN calls attention to the fact that this same treaty contains certain other provisions and agreements about the revision or reaffirmation of which the German Government at Berlin and its temporary representative at Washington are silent. One of these provisions and agreements solemnly concluded by Prussia and the United States in 1828 is as follows:

"If one of the contracting parties should be engaged in war with any other Power, the free intercourse and the party remaining neuter with the runted. On the contrary, in that case. Mount Everest (Tibetan Chomo Langas in full peace, the vessels of the neu- mo), which is 29,141 feet above sea tral party may navigate freely to and level according to accurate triangulafrom the ports and on the coasts of the tion. This nititude is about 4,500 feet free goods, insomuch that all things attained on Mount Austen in the neutral party, although such things be- the heart in every 100 feet above the sons who shall be on board a free vessel, although they should be enemies to the other party, unless they be soldiers any man equal to it? in actual service of such enemy."

by Germany of those rights on the lost his senses, but the balloon soon the benevolent agents of Teutonic lib-

### Minister Zimmermann's Astonish-

Shortly after 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 31, Ambassador von Bernstorff handed to Secretary Lansing the German note informing the United States that beginning on February 1 Germany 4, 1916, and conduct a ruthless submarine warfare against the merchant fleets of enemy Powers and neutral

On Saturday, February 3, President Wilson gave his passports to Ambassador von Beanstorff and ordered air enriched with oxygen were Ambassador Gerard to come home, thus severing diplomatic relations

On Monday, February 5, the Kalser's Government, speaking through

German note an interpretation which was not intended by Germany, "President Wilson's decision is as-

tonishing." Bennstoner had said, on February 3:

"There was nothing else left for the

United States to do. We have recited these incidents and established the chronology of the of oxygen in millimeters of mercury" various acts and utterances to sharpen the point of the testimony given in Boston yesterday by Captain CHARLES A. POLACK, master of the German steamship Kronprinzessin office of the owners of the boat in Hoboken, received orders from a to direct assault, and if on close investimember of the German Embassy to gation that were found to be the case. thus render her useless. The time decade by aeroplane or airship."

when this order was issued to Cap-

subjoined sentences:

"Captain Polack testified that he was n Hoboken when he got the order to be playing with us unscientific per- ture will permit this act to pass out disable the Cecilie's machinery and he sons. We observe that in the sym- of the committee into open discussion, telegraphed his chief engineer to do posium that followed his lecture- since the latter would doubtless in-

"The engineer did so on January 31 and February 1."

Captain Polack swore that he "was tion was serious." So it appears that Berlin four days later were "astonished," and accused President Wit.son of putting "an interpretation which was not intended by Germany' on the note of January 31.

German officialdom is not ignorant or unintelligent. It may appear at times from its outgivings to be; but these apparent stupidities may be accepted as concealing a purpose. What Through Dr. PAUL RITTER, the Minister ZIMMERMANN'S purpose was we do not pretend to know; he may many is still endeavoring to procure have sought to effect a domestic design, or to deceive neutrals; but we ever that may be) of the treaty con- refuse to believe that what every cluded in 1828 between the United German and American in the United States knew was going to happen Germany wants certain provisions was entirely hidden from the gentle-

Fighting in Cuba. A Cuban official is reported as saying: "If even the German army had only two weeks to put down a revol in Cuba it would be stumped."

He is right. German efficience would avail little against bands of rebels scattered through the manigua and holding hidden positions of great natural strength.

The Spaniards were never able to clear the summit of Gran Piedra of revolutionists. There is near San Luis a tract of forest with trails through the tall guinea grass that the Spanish regulars never dared to enter. The Cubans were always secure in the heart of it with their women folk. And there are many such retreats in the Island of Cuba.

It will not be surprising if the Liberal insurgents are "out" for months.

#### Could Everest Be Climbed?

So long as the mountains call, and commerce of the subjects or citizens of that will be to the end of recorded time, it will be the ambition of man belligerent Powers shall not be inter- to stand on the ultimate uplift of belligerent parties, free vessels making greater than the Duke of the Abbuzzi shall be adjudged free which shall be Himalayas. No man ever struggled on board any vessel belonging to the up higher. The tremendous strain on long to an enemy of the other; and the 24,600 to the credit of the Duke of same freedom shall be extended to per- the ABRUZZI makes the difference between that achievement and the conquest of Everest a forlorn hope. Is

In the Geographical Journal Mr. A. If there is to be any revision or Kellas, who has himself climbed to reaffirmation of ancient agreements, 22,000 feet, deals with the possibility suppose we begin with this article, of putting Everest beneath the sole of Article XII. of the treaty with Prus- man's foot. He calculates that the men, fights for the freedom of the study for leadership and Speakership sia negotiated for the United States oxygen supply at the top would be seas. To that end her submarine is the Hon, William H. Staffond of in 1785 by Benjamin Franklin, only one-third of that at sea level, ruthlessness is directed; tyrant Brit. Milwaukee and Whitefish Bay. Mr. THOMAS JEFFERSON and JOHN ADAMS, What a pair of lungs it would take ain must be humbled. and expressly revived and kept in to keep the body going! In the bal- Consequently the American Philaforce as a binding contract by Arti- loon ascent of Glaisher and Coxwell, delphia, bound from England for the of the name of Garden. If the Reele NII, of the later treaty of amity both men were paralyzed at 29,000 United States, under a neutral flag, publicans organize the next House and feet, and GLAISHER became insen- of a line that has carried no contra-If ever there was a righteous cause enough to grip the valve rope with his pany and passengers non-combatants, for war it is presented by the open teeth and thus he arrested the up- had to sneak out of port as a crimiand defiant and barbarous violation sweep of the great bag. Then he too nal sneaks from his hiding place, lest high seas which are not only based reached a lower level, both men es. erry purveyors see and sink her with- forming in Congress. It is to oppose on the common law of nations, but in caping death. But it is to be noted out warning, visit or search, and send patriotism at any price. our case expressly and explicitly and that they were sitting still. The to the bottom to join the Lusitania specially recognized by this same mountain climber must press up babies a few hundred more unarmed ward, and at very high aititude the and innocent travellers. physical exertion of putting one foot above the other has the same effect the same line are tied to their piers 784,496.

> the heavens on his shoulders. This seems absolutely deterrent to the attainment of the apex of the as an incidental contribution to the world, but Mr. Kellas encourages the freedom of the seas. alpinist by saying that "the bailoonist has no opportunity of becoming snow and works around cornless? yoke of British make. Peculiarly speculative is Mr. Kel-LAS's suggestion that "the ascent of Mount Everest would be possible if

serving: "The American President gave to the breathed continuously by the patrons for the purchase of lands and neceswhen near the summit, otherwise none sary machinery for the collection. will get down alive."

> over 29,000 feet?" He submits a num- tion to be held in 1917." ber of "curves" and tables, "pressure they are not impressive. Moreover, passing the Himalayan glants in re-

view, Mr. Kellas says: "Many of these peaks seem impervious dismantle the ship's machinery and they may be attacked in some future

But how the deuce is the aviator to that we may safely intrust these or-

tain Polack can be deduced from the breathe the one-third oxygen at 20,000 ganized agencies with the attainment odd feet, and how in thunder could he of this object. make a landing? Mr. KELLAS must how delightful the interchange of sure its failure. opinion and reminiscence always is at the Royal Geographical Society's

meetings of explorers and wanderers to the earth's extremes!-Mr. KEL- guilty after a trial lasting forty-nine told by the embassy official that the Las's speculations were taken none days and costing the city \$65,000. relations between the two countries too seriously. The ever polite presi- The illness of a Judge at the end of for prattle more pleasing than an inwere being severed, and the condident, Mr. Douglas Freshfield, D. C. the first two sessions caused a mis-L., himself a distinguished mountrial. Subsequently the case proceeded the German Embassy in Washington taineer, remarked before the lec- at an even though not rapid gait. THE EVENING SUN, Per Month.... 300 knew that relations between the turer began: "There are—perhaps I Each juror received \$350; but one THE EVENING SUN (Foreign), Per Mo. 1 19 United States and Germany were to should not say unfortunately—a good said he had lost \$9,000 and another checks, money orders, &c., to be be severed and knew this in time to many difficulties in the way of reach- declared he had lost \$5,000 by abset the Cecilie's engineer at work on ing the top of the highest mountain sence from work. The testimony

January 31 on the dismantling of the in the world." The first for the pres- filled 5,430 typewritten pages-about ship's engines to prevent moving her ent is quite sufficient: His Highness a million and a half words. in case of hostilities. This task he Maharajadhiraja Tribhubana Bir It seems as if the trial proved completed in workmanlike manner on Bikram Jung Bahadur Shumshere something besides the innocence of Also there are hose February 1; but the statesmen in Jung forbids any one to come nearest the accused. February 1; but the statesmen in Jung forbids any one to come nearer the accused. the base of Everest than 100 miles.

The Case of Claude Kitchin. The Hon, CLAUDE KITCHIN is, nomi- Kronprinzessin Cecilic, with regard to Food and furniture nally at least, the Democratic leader the dismantling of that boat's engines of the House of Representatives. When he desires he has at his back : well drilled majority. No legislation terest aside from its revelation of Teuinvolving serious national policies tonic thoroughness and organization. can be slipped through without his It will not escape their memories that consent, connivance, or at the least on February 6 and thereafter for sera fight which would attract national

There was no fight when Mr. MANN caused the incorporation in the navy bill of a paragraph which, as its au- elicited a chorus of denials from perthor said, "certainly tells the President that the House wants to keep out of war."

Was it then with Mr. KITCHIN's onnivance and consent that this no. suthors need not be violently retice was given Germany—for it is no proached. The essential matter is that doubt current there by this time— THE SUN obtained correct and authenloubt current there by this time that the House of Representatives sought to repudiate and hamstring the its readers for their guidance; and we President's foreign policy?

Mr. KITCHIN and Secretary DAN-IELS are the two closest friends and adherents of Mr. BRYAN now in official life. Mr. BRYAN, after doing his best to wreck the President's policy, retired to private station. Mr. DAN-IELS, emulating the Bryan example. has used his official control of the wireless to forward an impertinent newspaper despatch to Germany declaring that the American people were not in accord with the President's policy toward the German Government. The Secretary of the Navy ter suggested a referendum. gave in a certain sense his official indorsement to this unqualified falsehood by editing the despatch containing it before sending it on its way on

with his O. K. If President Wilson persists in cuses him of misrepresenting the nation, public opinion is helpless. But the case of Kitchix gives added reason why the new House of Representilps bigger, is the cost of living less tatives, though tied between the two south of Canal street and north of great parties, should be organized by the Republicans and Independents. In such case KITCHIN would necessarily go, and it is quite too much to and to the enemy which seizes believe that James R. Mann, author Pacific holdings in time of war. of the copperhead resolution, could hold even the remnants of his party leadership in the presence of such a coalition.

### Free Seas.

Germany, according to her spokes-

sible. Coxwell retained consciousness band since the war began, her com-

as if, like Atlas, he were carrying in their hailing port, their mail contracts unfulfilled, their legitimate and harmless sailings cancelled; and this exasperated the German submarine

Teutonically freed seas? The Kaiserbund has already freed them of What hope for weal can cheer ou would disregard her promise of May acclimatized to high altitudes." But law, and free death is the portion what of the strain on the mountain- decreed for those who before never eer's heart as he tolls up through the knew they were bowed beneath a

## A Milk Commission.

The tendency to government by commissions has brought forth some breathed during the latter portion of valuable legislative enactments and the climb." Mr. KELLAS, we think, some quite objectionable features. Craved martyrdom for truth at His dismays the optimistic ones by ob- Among the latter is a law introduced into the Assembly by Mr. Shiplacoff He may not wait upon the Great Assize "If any of the Himalayan giants in entitled "An act to establish a milk its Minister for Foreign Affairs, as- the far future are desecrated by a cog- commission; defining the powers and He can decree the shame by earthly wheel railway oxygen will have to be duties of the commission; providing pasteurization and distribution of And consecrated to contending faith Who will build the cog rallway? milk; making provision for the issu-Science must blush for Kellas. Never. ance of bonds to the amount not to Already, however, Ambassador von theless, he perseveres, asking: "Is it exceed \$20,000,000 for the purposes; possible to become sufficiently acclima. and providing for a submission of this tized to sititudes of 24,000 feet to proposition to the people of the State, 25,000 feet to enable one to climb to to be voted upon at the general elec-

> The happy experience of the city of New York in the campaign of its Dehæmoglobin with oxygen," and so on; milk supply may be cited as evidence storff from here. I refer to a despatch letter if there is time. but after the cog railway illustration against the need of a commission endowed with such power to raise a State milk monopoly, to appoint po- made by that Government and the hoslitical favorites and to expend enormous sums of the taxpayers' money. The gradually growing view that the lutely competent to protect the community against this source of danger has crystallized in the conviction local health authorities are abso-

## CROSSING THE JERSEYS.

It is improbable that the Legisla that made and moulded the universe create scenery for man or man to enjoy the scenery? Man has made the scenery over. Do proper travellers ever tire of the billboard landscape? However it offends sesthetic taste, it soothes the miles for the car weary, its hypnotizing monotony turns tedium A man has been pronounced not to a dream. It may not sell goods but it keeps juvenile passengers quiet or at the very least furnishes matter

> fantile devilish ninety mile bawl. A ride across Jersey reveals ders not of nature but of man's ingenuity in disguising natural loveliness After taking it, Peregrine is qualified to write free verse: Behold the world.

Of what it consists-Hose for ladies And hose for the lawn Tickling earth to fruitfulness terday by Captain CHARLES A. POLACK Heating plants. Limousines de looks, Phonographs and books. • Pishballs, factory sites. on January 31 and February 1 under Hotels and Old Doctor Soundso's orders from the German Embassy, pos-Warranted sure cure sesses for readers of THE SUN an in-

All alike are celebrated here False teeth, beer, Cigars and windmills Cough drops and magazine, Salad oil and gasolene. Castor off, kalsoming Substitutes for that-From salvation to soap facts, and assumed generally to be Bausages and socks, worthy of credence. These denials may Umbrellas and clocksbe classified as exemplifications of Kul- Theatres and pencils These and a million

> sport, if it be indulged in not oftener than once in seventeen years. In the thing but Jersey.

### WHAT WE OWE FRANCE. A Proposal to Raise a Fund and Discharge the Debt in Part.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: his feet in the House and wave an American flag before the bulging eyes \$400,000,000, the important point is that no attempt has ever been made to reimburse her for her outlay, which of course in the day it was made represented a much larger sum, so far as orthern barbarians pulled the beards purchasing power is concerned, than it loes to-day, and I am sorry to observe that whether the sum at compound interest amounts to one trillion or two trillion dollars, no suggestion is made brated quietly on board American ships in port, or, not to be redundant, to do something for France in this day of her difficulties and act toward her in the same spirit as she acted toward us in our life struggle. It would be a relief if some patient

keeping as a member of his official and painstaking person who knows, if spent for Red Cross work, ambulances, nousehold a Cabinet officer who ac- such there be, would tell New York &c., but all said and done, totalling why the waiters employed "north of them as you shall, the amount is only Canal street and south of Fifty-ninth a small one, a mere bagatelle, compared Belgium and France, more especially Great Britain, who in spite of her own troubles and difficulties at the present time has acted in the most generous and supplied an amount of food, money and other comforts that makes what we have sent to either Belgium, France or Serbia, &c., look insignificant. Surely we have the will to do the right thing and besides have the funds to be generous. Cannot an apsentative in Congress from the "Lib. peal be made to the nation to take some erty Hall district" of Philadelphia, is steps to discharge an obligation, a moral one in any case, that we owe to the great of Minority Leader Mann. He is his republic across the seas? L. D. C. NEW YORK, February 17.

### THE NEWCOMER.

#### Must He Expect a Certain Condescension From His Mates?

writer in the American Machinist (New York, November 9) writes: "Is it not strange to hear that most immigrants look down upon the American coworker? The childish way in which the latter treats the foreigner, who lacks nothing mentally but a second language, forces the immigrant to regard the American as not altogether

In my opinion the real reason why native born Americans look down upon the immigrant-of course an unworthy attitude to take in any case-is because the immigrant is a newcomer. We all tory? Her subscription of \$500,000,000 know how it is. All of us, according to our several dispositions, ill treat Consequently, too, other ships of The population of Glasgow in 1911 was or snub or treat coldly or hold more or less aloof from the newcomer in our siness or other meeting places.

The reason for this attitude that we adopt toward the newcomer is that all of us, whether we admit it or not, attach a value to what is old and stable. to what has endured and remained permanently in the one place. The immigrant is a newcomer, and until he has proved his worth by remaining in this country for a generation or so and establishing himself here hardly any of us are very likely to wreathe chap lets of roses about his classic but for-CHARLES HOOPER. SEATTLE, Wash., February 12.

## BE FAIR TO HIM!

Contemptuous Treatment of Insurance Agent Displays Your Folly. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In

anks throughout the United States. pal bonds and real estate mortgages.

believe, a little better consideration by "Comin' Thro' the Rye" does no cle which should have been on the first | the public. In almost every other line of endeavor and Songs of Robert Burns." omparisons of the leaving of ex-Am- an agreed appointment is always kept.

thanking Germany for the arrangements some other being could have been as- Rotherbithe. sured of sustenance. JUSTICE.

At the time of writing we have our mit-tens on and have just discovered the office and friends to the movies with the pro-

### THE CITY PAYS. Did the Mind that rules the Hand | And There Is No Probability That I

Can Escape Paying. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Why ald this city, in addition to paying for its own police force, pay through a State tax two-thirds of the cost of a State constabulary for the free

rural communities? A State police force for towns and countles that do not require a permanent force of their own, or that ere unable or unwilling to pay for one would be unobjectionable, provided that no town, city or county that did not use their services would be taxed for their CORNELIUS MARTIN. NEW YORK, February 17.

### THE POLITICAL LEECH.

European Governments Put Him On

of Power When the Time Came. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The authorization by the Secretary of the Navy of the late sending of a Bryanistic (Daniels in a Bryan's den) peace cablegram to Germany illuminates the action of all the great belligerent nations when they found it necessary in their respective great exigencies to replace those different department heads who came to their important offices only by reason of personal or political influences, the all potent features obtaining in time of ease and idle peace J. HENRY.

HIGHLAND FALLS, February 17.

#### "COMIN' THRO' THE RYE." Did the Lassie Breast the Grain Ford the River?

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Mr.

George Moffat's interesting contribution concerning the old Scottish ballad "Comin' Thro' the Rye" fails to bring out two important facts. The first is that the word which he spells "rye" and defines as "the village green" is not so spelled, if the Scottish lexicographer are to be trusted. The Scotsman spells the word "righe," as Mr. Moffat car easily find out by consulting Dwelly's Gaelic Dictionary," volume 3, page 760 Riding across Jersey is not bad 1911. Dwelly defines the term as "(1) A field; (2) the bottom of a valley (3) the outstretched part or base of mountain; (4) a slope." Dwelly does not even record the form rye, nor is the word to be found with the definition given to it by Mr. Moffat in Dr. Joseph Vright's "English Dialect Dictionary." nor even in John Jamieson's "Etymolog cal Dictionary of the Scottish Language, editions of 1808 (2 vols.), of 1840-41 revised by John Johnstone, or of 1879 1889 (5 vols.), revised by Longmuit and Donaldson. It is not even in the magnum opus of the late Sir James A H, Murray, the "New English Diction ary," and yet Sir James was a Scotsman. It is unknown equally to Thomas Davidson, editor of Chambers's "English the "Imperial Dictionary," edited by Ogilvie and Annandale, and published ander Warrack's "Scots Dialect Diction ary," to Stormonth's Dictionary, another ottish work; to the Standard Diction ary, the Century, Webster or Worcester, and to a score more of other works

of like kind on my shelves. The second is that the name Rye as place name has been traced to the Anglo-Saxon "rith," a mountain stream. and as such is quite common in England and Scotland. (See S. Baring-Gould's "Family Names and Their Story." p. 171). Dr. Isaac Taylor says of Rye "The root Rhe or Rhin is connected with the Gaelic rea, rapid; with the Welsi the, swift; rhedu, to run; rhin, that out to sea, as Penrhyn). Hence we have the Rye in Kildare. Yorkshire, Ayrshire: the Rea in Salop. Warwick, Herts and Worcestershire; the Rey in Wilts; the Ray in Oxfordshire in Staffordshire," &c.

As to the song itself, it was first heard in public in English pantomime other variation of this always inter- etc at Christmas, 1795, but before that date which was very popular and which Robert Burns touched up. This ballad called "A Portrait of the Artist as a "A Painful Case," referred to the fording of the Rye water, or little river Rye, that flows for seven

near Dalry, in Ayrshire. It ran: Comin' through the Rye, poor body, Comin' through the Rye. She draiglet a' her petticoatie Comin' through the Rye. Oh, Jenny's a' wat, poor body, Jenny's seldom dry;

She draiglet a' her petticoatie.

Gin a body meet a body Comin' through the Rye. Gin a body kies a body Need a body cry? Gin a body meet a body Comin' through the glen, Gin a body kiss a body, Need the warld ken?

Jenny's seldom dry; She draiglet a' her petticoatie Comin' through the Rye. When one recalls the custom of col-

lecting a toll of kisses from lassies met rossing the stream on stepping stones the words of the song are more significant. A similar custom practised by lads on the lassles of England whom hears one Irishman consign another of James Joyce's admirers that they met crossing stiles in the country lish song which runs:

If a body meet a body.
Going to the fair.
If a body kies a body. Need a body care?

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the editor of the Scottish American to whom I referred the matter felt that a field of meant. The poem itself affords only Parnell. one verse which suggests the river rather 1917 life insurance companies will pay than the rye field is meant, and that To be our Judge; lest we His ire clude about \$750,000,000 to policyholders and is printed in italies above. It is more still hold in trust for future payments likely that the lads sathered at the riverside to watch the inssies ford it The amount held is equal to or slightly than that they stood at the edge of the actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, a shouting politician, a small a story as "Ivy Day in the tree actor, greater than the deposits in savings rye field to see the girls pass through the grain. If the farmer were around Life insurance companies are also this could not happen often enough to furnishing capital at the rate of \$50,- become a custom. It seems but natural 000,000 a mouth for allroad and munici- that Burns should develop a folk song concerning Rye water as a poem since The life insurance salesman who has the river flowed near the place where To the Editor of the Sun-Sir: You prove the above showing deserves, I seems to be worth recording is that in Andrew Lang's edition of "The Poems

As to Peckham Rye, it is quite eviden bassador Gerard from Berlin as against or if something unforeseen occurs the that Mr. Moffat is unaware of the fact and "percentage saturation of the partment of Health against impure the leaving of ex-Ambassador von Bern- party thereto is notified by phone or that once upon a time a brook ran from the north end of Rye lane and that this Time once lost can never be regained brook now feeds the Grand Surrey That hour may be the only one when Canal which flows into the Thames at FRANK H. VIERTELLY. NEW YORK, February 17.

### High Finance in Missouri. From the Cass County Leader

From the Rockville Beester.

The Boosfer is late this week for the reason that we were unable to get the office warm enough to run our presses. At the time of writing we have our mittens on and have just discovered for them for cash traces.

### THE NEW DUBLIN WRITER AND HIS SATIRICAL FICTION.

#### Who Is James Joyce?

question easier to answer in Dublin wild goose over again, ever on the question easier to answer in Dubin wing. Stephen became violently plous than New York, where neither his fiction nor his personality is yet known. the extreme of riotous living he was He is evidently a member of the new transformed into a militant Catholle group of young Irish writers who see The reverend fathers had hopes of their country and countrymen in any-thing but a flattering light. Ireland, his mind was too speculative; later it surely the most beautiful and most proved his spiritual undoing. To any melancholy island on the globe, is not lyze the sensibility of a soul mounting the Isle of Saints for these iconoclasts. George Moore is a poet who happens to than to describe the modulations of write English, though he thinks in a moral recidivist. Stephen fell away French; Bernard Shaw, notwithstand- from his faith, though he did not again ing his native wit, is of London and sink into the slough of Dublin low Londoners; while Yeats and Synge are essentially Celtic, and both poets.
Yes, and there is the delightful James "It is a curious thing, do you know. Stephen, who mingles angels' pin feathers with rainbow gold; a magic decoc- mind is supersaturated with the relig tion of which we never weary. But ion in which you say you disbelieve. James Joyce, potentially a poet, and a A profound remark. Once a Roman realist of the De Maupassant breed, envisages Dublin and the Dubliners with particularly if you were born in le a cruel scrutinizing gaze. He is as land. truthful as Tchekov, and as gray—that Tchekov compared with whom the He neither abuses nor praises. He realism of De Maunassant is roman-"realism" of De Maupassant is romantic bric-à-brac, gilded with a fine style. Joyce is as implacably natuaffection and admiration. The serralistic as the Russian in his vision of mons preached by them during the the sombre, mean, petty, dusty commonplaces of middle class life, and he in full-strange material for a novel sometimes suggests the Frenchman in his clear, concise, technical methods. Whoever the man is he is indubitably

a new talent. Emerson, after his experiences in Europe, became an arm chair trav-eller. He positively despises the idea ment between Dante (probably as of voyaging across the water to see what is just as good at home. He calls Europe a tapeworm in the brain of his countrymen. "The stuff of all sat in his chair and enjoyed thinking about Europe, thus evading the worries of going there. It has its merit this Emersonian way, particularly for souls easily disillusioned. To anticipate too much of a foreign city may result in disappointment. We have all had this experience. Paris resembles Chi- with God!" cago, or Vienna is a second Philadelphia at times; it depends on the color of your mood. Few countries have been so persistently misrepresented as Ireland. It is lauded to the eleventh heaven of the Burmese or it is a place full of fighting devils in a hell of crazy politics. Of course it is neither, nor it the land of Lover and Lever: Handy Andy and Harry Lorrequer are there, but you never encounter them in Dublin. John Synge got nearer to the heart of the peasantry, and Yeats debonair enough when the old woman Dictionary," published at Edinburgh; to and Lady Gregory brought back from the hidden spaces the fairies and the a drab. A rich character is this sans Is "Father Ralph" by Gerald O'Don

ovan a veracious picture of Irish priesthood and college life? Is the grip on life, its intensity, its evident fiction of Mr. Joyce representative of truth and unflinching acceptance of the middle class and of the Jesuits? facts will make "A Portrait" disagree-A cloud of contradictory witnesses pass across the sky. What is the relief in the Trinity College episod-Celtic character? Dion Boucicault's "The Shaughraun," Chauncey Olcott or John McCormack, are they true ironist like an Irishman. The box to type? Or isn't the pessimisti dreamer with the soul of a "wild heart, but the author goose," depicted in George Moore's sighed with relief when he wrote; story, the real man? Celtic magic, last line. We have no news as to cried Matthew Arnold. He should have critical reception in Dublin, though said, Irish magic, for while the Irish- must have aroused hostility. No man is a Celt, he is unlike his breth- may tell the truth without imp which runs (as a point of land that runs ren across the Channel. Perhaps he and the portrait of Stephen is nearer to the Sarmatian than the objective frigidity—as an artistic continental Celt, Ireland and Poland! formance—and its passionate perso The Irish and the Polish! Dissatisfied no matter under which king! Not every quarter. It is too Irish to be Playboys of the Western World, but liked by the Irish: not an infreque the Rhee in Cambridgeshire; the Rhea martyrs to their unhappy tempera- paradox. The volume of tales entitle ments.

ing picture, his, of the daily doings comparison, but read such mast of his contemporaries. His novel is pieces in pity and irony as "The Dead Young Man," a title quite original and House," or "Two Galiants," and expressive of what follows; also a title convinced that we do not exaggerate that seems to have emerged from the Dublin, we have said elsewhere. catalogue of an art collector. It is a a huge whispering gallery. Scands veritable portrait of the artist as a of the most insignificant order never hoy, a youth and a young man. From lacks multiple echoes. From Merschool to college, from the brothel to rion Square, from the Shelbourne to the confessional, from his mother's Dalkey or Drumcondra; from the apron strings to coarse revelry, the Monument to Chapelized, the repethero, a sorry one, is put to the tor-ture by art and relates the story of his blotched yet striving soul. We do his blotched yet striving soul. We do not recall a book like this since the sights and scents and gestures of Huysmans. This Parisian of Dutch vant girls for their shillings to spend Huysmans. This rational of James extraction is in the company of James Joyce. Neither writer stops at the half way house of reticence. It's the half way house of reticence. It's the "planted" charms of the landlady "planted" charms of the matripontal House of Flesh in its most sordid assally illuminated by gleams from the grace of God. With both men the love grace of God. With both men the love of Rabelaisian speech is marked. This, if you please, is a Celtic trait. Not if you please, is a Celtic trait. Not been the Elizabethans so joyed in tragic ending of a love affair that he green words, as the Prench say as "green" words, as the French say, as do some Irish. Of richest hue are his etched plate called "The Dead" w curses, and the Prince of Obliquity himself must chuckle when he overto everlasting damnation by the turn bypaths and lanes leads to the old Eng- of his tongue. "If you knew what I fairy seemingly made him a miss thought of you, you would dive into a thrope. With Spinoza he could say sewer headlong for hell" was the fer-vent wish of a certain Irishman we once met in Burke's place off Baggott once met in Burke's place off Baggott street, Dublin. The chap addressed he may become mellower, but that a took the matter coolly and asked his friend what he would have. Then life's more bitter flavors. Instead some one sang a "Come All Tou!" elists are legion. He is Have some rye grain and not the Rye River was which related the unhappy ending of little brother in his flair for

the Artist as a Young Man." tells his student friend about his father. These islies before he can pin its were his attributes: "A medical stu- canvas. But yet an Irishin dent, an oarsman, a tenor, an amateur | sense of the murderous han landlord, a small investor, a drinker, Room," which would bring in a good fellow, a story teller, some- many heeler what Henry Jam body's secretary, something in a dis- "the emotion of recognition." A tillery, a tax gatherer, a bankrupt, at wild goose! The fixing dream present a praiser of his own past."

Who is James Joyce? is doubtless a The portrait is well nigh perfect. The on flaming pinions to God is easier Cranly, the student, saw through life. Cranly said dispassionately, "how your Mr. Joyce holds the scales evenly

life; yet he speaks of the Jesuits with

retreat are models. They are printed And he can show us the black hatrel caused by the clash of political and religious opinions. There is a seen of this sort in the house of Stephens parents that simply blazes with verment between Dante (probably at aunt) and Mr. Casey spoils the affin Stephen's father carves the turker and tries to stop the mouths of the angry man and woman with food. The mother implores. Stephen stollile gobbles, watching the row, which can minates with Mr. Casey losing he temper—he has had several tumbers of mountain dew and is a little "hos come you so!" He bursts forth:
"No God in Ireland! We have had too much God in Ireland: "Blasphemer! Devi screamed Dante, starting to her feet and almost spitting in his face. "Devil out of hell! We won! We crushed him to death! Fiend!" slammed behind her. Mr. Casey staldenly bowed his head on his hands with a sob of pain, "Poor Parnell" he cried loudly, "My dead King" Naturally the dinner was not a success. Stephen noted that there were tears in his father's eyes at the men tion of Parnell, but that he seemed unpacked her heart of vile words !

able to the average reader. There humor of a saturnine kind in the art. tic armory of Mr. Joyce. There is " is undoubtedly written from a fi note, was bound to give offener "Dubliners" reveals a wider range. The Dublin of Mr. Joyce shows an- practised technical hand, and a gift for Dublin, we have said elsewhere.

There is no denying that the new

is as a whole hardly cheerful.

town. The slackers who pester se story; the middle aged man. its hundred fine touches of co and satire these but prove the ch a writer signally gifted. A malevel will never lose the appreciat tegrating characters. Irishman, who sees the shirt in the sky, a vision that too

### An Epic of Deadheadism

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The legend of the Deadwood stage printed in estly inquired if I would exterto-day's SUN recalls a similar incident in courtesy of free admission to the which I found a passing pleasure. Some forty years ago, when I was then I related to him the in the manager of Haverly's Minstrels, the company gave an entertainment in Mark Mizzoura

I stood at the entrance taking tickets when a gentleman undertook to walk by me in a rather "don't care a cuss"

"Tickets, please," I suggested in my "That's my ticket," quietly returned the gentleman, and as I extended my hand to accept the ticket I refused to of Hannibal was famous for " accept it, for it was a nice big six ness and depth and adhesive qualities shooter he was fondling in a very sassy

tle man came up to me and rat 'Yes." I answered, "of corevolver.

"Where's the man" he pointed to him and the Sheriff ca-What, him?" and in about to the before mentioned six shootes owner flew past me like a s lightning with the fine right Sheriff securely attached to the the gunman's neck, and will muddlest street you ever say In those days the mud of the

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